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GRU AUGUSTA

ARMSTRONG STATE

5	Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	6
	GRU AUGUSTA (32-14)	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	8	1	
	ARMSTRONG STATE (31-15)	2	0	4	0	0	0	X	6	9	1	

ARMSTRONG STATE

CARSON-NEWMAN

12	Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	6
	ARMSTRONG STATE (32-15)	1	3	1	4	0	0	3	12	14	2	
	CARSON-NEWMAN (37-15)	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	6	8	1	



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BATTING

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. - The Armstrong State University softball squad won a pair of elimination contests to remain alive at the 2015 Southeast Regional #2 in Milledgeville on Saturday afternoon. The Pirates knocked off GRU Augusta, 6-5, and Carson-Newman, 12-6.

The seventh-seeded Pirates (32-15) advance to Sunday's action against host and second-seeded Georgia College, where Armstrong will have to beat the Bobcats twice to advance to the Super Regional. Game one will be at 2:00 p.m. with a second game to follow immediately if Armstrong wins game one.

The first game of the day against third-seeded GRU Augusta (32-14) saw all of the offense in the contest come in the first three innings. A sacrifice fly by Brooke Stephens and an RBI single by Hannah Wilson got the Jaguars on the board in the top of the first with two runs, but the Pirates answered in the bottom of the first with an RBI single by **Jane Trzaska** and an RBI fielder's choice by **Ashley Sterritt**.

The Jaguars plated a single run in the second inning on an RBI fielder's choice, then scored twice in the third on a two-run single by Hannah Vaughn to take a 5-2 lead.

Armstrong took the lead with four runs in the bottom of the third inning on an error, a two-run single by **Bethany Ballard** and an RBI double by **Peyton Roth**.

The Pirates then turned to All-Conference pitcher **Ollivia McLemore** (16-4), who limited the Jaguars to just two hits in four shutout innings of work, walking one while striking out three to pick up the win in relief.

Haley Birkle (15-9) took the loss for GRU Augusta, giving up nine hits and six runs - five earned - in 2 1/3 innings of work.

Ballard and Roth each had two hits for the Pirates in the game against GRU Augusta, while Molly Walton's 3-for-4 day led the Jaguars.

Armstrong then had to face sixth-seeded Carson-Newman (37-15) in another elimination game on Saturday evening and the Pirates pounded out 14 hits in claiming the 12-6 win over the Eagles.

Senior **Alexis Mercer** went 3-for-4 with a double, a triple, a home run and three RBI - the home run was the 60th of her career, making her just the ninth player in NCAA Division II softball history to reach the 60 home run mark.

Tori Bates (3-1) earned the win for the Pirates with 4 1/3 innings of work, giving up seven hits and six runs - four earned - walking two while striking out two. Carson-Newman reliever Danielle Kranz (14-7) took the loss for the Eagles, giving up four hits and five runs in 2 1/3 innings of work, walking three and striking out one.

Roth and **Sierra Newman** had two hits and two runs scored as well in the game for the Pirates, while Carson-Newman was led by Haley Taylor's 3-for-4 day and Elayna Sebert's 2-for-4 day with a two-run home run.

GRU AUGUSTA
2B: Lindsey Stokes
3B: none
HR: none
ARMSTRONG STATE
2B: Peyton Roth; Rachel Reynolds
3B: none
HR: none

FULL STATS

BATTING
ARMSTRONG STATE
2B: Alexis Mercer; Michelle Breen
3B: Alexis Mercer; Bethany Ballard
HR: Alexis Mercer
CARSON-NEWMAN
2B: none
3B: none
HR: Elayna Siebert

FULL STATS





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